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**U.S. Secretary of Agriculture to address conference of state agriculture officials­­ and host media availability**

**WHO: U.S. Secretary of Agriculture Tom Vilsack** will provide perspective on administration priorities and issues important to the agriculture and food industry during the [National Association of State Departments of Agriculture Annual Meeting](https://web.cvent.com/event/4814272d-df95-40bf-830d-787109a96fec/summary) on Sept. 26-29, 2022.

**WHEN:** Secretary Vilsack will give remarks during the meeting’s opening plenary session on Tuesday, Sept. 27 at 10:30 a.m. ET. There, Secretary Vilsack will announce further details on USDA’s $500 million grant program to increase American-made fertilizer production. At 11:30 a.m., immediately following the closing of the plenary session, Secretary Vilsack will host a media availability.

**WHERE:** Both virtual and in-person conference attendees will be able to watch the remarks. The NASDA Annual Meeting is being held in Saratoga Springs, New York, at the Saratoga Hilton.

**Secretary Vilsack remarks, opening plenary session**Tuesday, Sept. 27

10:30 a.m. ET

The Saratoga Hilton
Virtual or City Center D

**Secretary Vilsack media availability**

Tuesday, Sept. 27

11:30 a.m. ET
Virtual or the Saratoga Hilton

**HOW**: [Registration](https://web.cvent.com/event/4814272d-df95-40bf-830d-787109a96fec/regProcessStep1) is free for all members of the press. **Please register by Monday, Sept. 26 to attend.**

**WHAT**: The [2022 NASDA Annual Meeting](https://www.nasda.org/2022-nasda-annual-meeting/) is themed “Still Growing.” The meeting theme will guide NASDA’s conversations and policymaking on agricultural and food issues. Follow NASDA on [Twitter](https://twitter.com/nasdanews?lang=en) and [Facebook](https://www.facebook.com/NASDADC/) to keep up with the entire conference, and use our hashtag #StillGrowing.

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